



URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
OF THE
TOWN OF HOVE.

Medical Officer's Annual Report for the Year ending 31st December, 1895.

To the Chairman and Gentlemen of the Sanitary Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in placing before you the following report as to the health of the Town of Hove for the year ending 31st December, 1895:—

The Registrar returns the number of deaths as 430 (males, 201; females, 229), and 631 births (males, 319; females, 312), making an increase by births, 201.

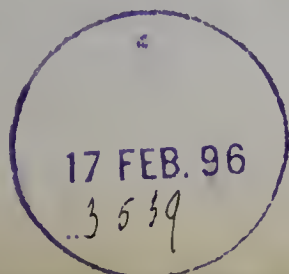
During the year, 31 inquests have been held, and the causes of death were returned according to the Coroner's Jury, as follows:—

Aneurism of Heart	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Accidentally Scalded	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Acute Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Accidentally Drowned...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Found Drowned	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Inflammation of Intestines	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Knocked down by Train	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Malnutrition	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Natural Causes...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Peritonitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Pleurisy following Fractured Ribs	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Premature Birth	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Rupture of Blood Vessel	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Syncope...	1
„ from Distention of Stomach...	1
„ from Tuberculosis	1
Spasm of Windpipe	1
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							24
Suicides—							
By Drowning	3
„ Poisoning	2
Cut Throat	2
							—
Total							31
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There has been one uncertified death during the year.

The Hove death-rate is estimated on a population of 32,092, the basis on which this is reckoned is arrived at as under:—

Population of Hove, 1894 ...	...	...	...	31,253
Increase of population, inhabitants of new	}			
houses and excess of births over deaths		839		
during the year 1895 ...		...	...	...
Total ...				<hr/> 32,092



The return as to new property during the last five years has been supplied me by the Town Surveyor, which is as follows:—

No. of Houses.									
1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	Total.				
75	...	142	...	112	...	148	...	158	— 635

No. of Inhabitants.									
1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	Total.				
264	...	513	...	518	...	659	...	638	— 2,592

The death-rate for the past year was 13·4 per 1,000; this compares most favourably with the returns of London 19·8 and Provincial Towns 21·2.

In the following table the death-rate is compared at each quarter:—

			Mar., 1895.	June, 1895.	Sept., 1895.	Dec., 1895.			
London	...	...	26·0	...	16·7	...	18·6	...	18·0
Provincial Towns	...	...	24·6	...	18·6	...	21·3	...	20·4
Hove	...	...	21·5	...	10·6	...	12·4	...	10·5

Births and deaths in the Town of Hove during the past ten years:—

		1895	1894	1893	1892	1891	1890	1889	1888	1887	1886
Births	...	...	631	649	557	484	493	453	502	501	552
Deaths	...	...	430	347	350	384	334	345	258	322	332
Excess of Births			201	302	207	100	159	108	244	179	220
Death-rate	...	13·4	11·1	12·5	14·4	12·6	12·7	9·5	11·9	14·1	12·9
Birth-rate	...	19·7	20·7	20·0	18·1	18·7	16·7	18·5	18·5	23·1	22·2
per 1,000 of the living.											

The 430 deaths were registered as from the following causes:—

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Smallpox.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Membranous Croup.	FEVERS.															
						Typhus.	Enteric or Typhoid.	Continued.	Relapsing.	Puerperal.	Cholera.	Erysipelas.	Measles.	Whooping Cough.	Diarrhoea and Dysentery.	Rheumatic Fever.	Ague.	Phthisis.	Bronchitis, Pneumonia, and Pleurisy.	Heart Disease.	Injuries.
Under 5	-	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	9	...	...	...	19	2	1
5 upwards	-	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	49	52	8
		TOTAL.																			
		134																			
		296																			

The following table shows the mortality from all causes at subjoined ages during the several quarters of the year:—

QUARTER ENDING.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 5 years.	5 and under 15 years.	15 and under 25 years.	25 and under 65 years.	65 and upwards.	All Ages.
March 31st	26	12	2	7	44	77	168
June 30th	20	8	3	2	28	22	83
Sept. 30th	33	9	4	2	27	22	97
Dec. 31st	21	5	4	2	22	28	82
	100	34	13	13	121	149	430

One hundred and seventy-seven inhabitants of Hove have died upwards of 60 years of age, as shewn as follows, and compared with the last four years :—

	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895
Over 60 and under 70	... 52	... 53	... 56	... 38	... 61
„ 70 „ 80	... 60	... 71	... 61	... 64	... 75
„ 80 „ 90	... 33	... 35	... 34	... 32	... 36
90 and upwards	... 1	... 4	... 4	... 3	... 5
	<hr/> 146	<hr/> 163	<hr/> 155	<hr/> 137	<hr/> 177

The Zymotic death-rate for the past year, 0·6 per 1,000 is extremely satisfactory, and compares most favourably with that of London and Provincial Towns, as shewn in the following table :—

	Mar., 1895.	June, 1895.	Sept., 1895.	Dec., 1895.
London	... 1·5	... 1·8	... 4·3	... 2·8
Provincial Towns	... 1·7	... 1·6	... 5·5	... 3·2
Hove	... 0·1	... 0·7	... 1·4	... 0·5

The following is the Zymotic death-rate of Hove for the past ten years :—

1895	1894	1893	1892	1891	1890	1889	1888	1887	1886
0·6	0·5	0·9	0·8	0·5	0·4	1·3	1·2	1·2	1·1

There has been an exemption of deaths from any of the Infectious Fevers in your Town, with the exception of the case of Typhoid, which was imported into the District from London, and the one from Diphtheria which died in the Hove Hospital, Sackville Road.

The deaths from Whooping Cough were mostly complicated with Bronchitis and Convulsions, and those from Diarrhœa occurred entirely among infants and young children.

The following return is required by the Local Government Board, in reference to the working of the Notification Act during the year :—

Scarlet Fever	... ..	67
Diphtheria or Diphtheritic Sore Throat	48
Typhoid Fever	21
Erysipelas	31
Membranous Croup	1
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Of these 93 were admitted to Hangleton Hospital :—

Scarlet Fever...	53
Typhoid Fever	10
Diphtheria	... ..	30
	<hr/>	93

Of the cases so admitted, seven died of Diphtheria, and not one from any of the other Zymotic diseases.

Every house in the Town has been inspected by the Sanitary Inspectors once at least during the year with a view of ascertaining if any defects existed therein, and I subjoin a detailed account of the number of such inspections, and the result of examinations (the above does not include houses inspected through complaints and other causes) :—

- 5,763 houses have been visited.
- 710 houses have been inspected from complaints and other causes.
- 1,626 complaints attended to.

163 complaints received, premises inspected and no nuisance found to exist.

1,554 notices issued for the removal of nuisances, &c.

2,189 works have been executed as follows:—

192 houses new drained.

415 drains and drain traps defective. Drains repaired and defective drain traps removed and properly trapped.

576 water-closets defective and foul. Defects repaired, cleansed, or other apparatus provided in place thereof.

257 defective water-supply to water-closets. Permanent water-supply provided.

39 soil pipes found to be inside the house and defective. Soil pipes placed outside the house and properly ventilated.

107 soil pipes and ventilation pipes found to be defective. Defects remedied.

57 ash-pits have been provided to premises where found to be insufficient.

272 houses foul, which have been cleansed and whitewashed.

72 houses overcrowded, number of inmates reduced.

58 accumulations of manure and other refuse removed.

30 animals kept so as to be a nuisance. Nuisance abated.

10 smoke nuisances have been abated.

104 other complaints where nuisances have been abated.

972 visits have been made to provision shops.

230 visits to bake-houses, which have been cleansed and whitewashed twice during the year.

260 visits have been made to cowstalls, dairies, and milkshops, and on every occasion "The Dairies, Cowshed, and Milkshop Order of 1885" has been complied with.

35 inspections of registered lodging-houses.

A gratifying feature of this Report is, that the number of defects found from house to house inspection and from complaints received shew a considerable decrease from the previous year.

Legal proceedings before the Justices have been taken against two persons during the past year; in each case the orders sought for were made.

Forty-three samples under the Food and Drugs Act have periodically been obtained from the vendors within the Town, and submitted to the Public Analyst, and all found to be genuine with the exception of one sample, which proved to be adulterated below the minimum standard. Proceedings were taken before the Justices, and a fine with costs was imposed on the defendant.

The house refuse is removed weekly from every building with great regularity, and I am pleased to say that I have not received any complaint due to the negligence of the staff,

Again it affords me considerable satisfaction to be able to place before you the foregoing satisfactory statement as to the health of your Town during the past year, 1895.

I am, Sir and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

ERNEST SEXTON MEDCALF.

5th February, 1896.

Medical Officer of Health.